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## Information circular*

To: Members of the staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management

Subject: **United Nations Staff Relief Committee for Earthquake Victims in Taiwan Province of China**

1. On 21 September 1999, a massive earthquake, measured at 7.6 on the Richter scale, struck the central part of Taiwan Province of China, devastating the towns and villages at the epicentre, namely Zhongliao, Zhushan, Puli and Yushan in the Nantou District, causing death and destruction as far as 100 miles away. According to the latest report, the number of deaths has exceeded 2,100 and the number of injured has exceeded 6,000. Many more people are still either buried in the rubble or missing. More than 100,000 people have become homeless. The losses in property and industrial production have been estimated to exceed $5 billion.

2. In the spirit of our cherished tradition, the United Nations staff at Headquarters, with the approval of the Secretary-General and the support of the Staff Committee, have formed the United Nations Staff Relief Committee for Earthquake Victims in Taiwan Province of China to appeal for funds to alleviate the suffering of the victims. The Committee comprises Yongjian Jin, Honorary Chairman, Paul Shui, Coordinator, Kewei Dai, Assistant Coordinator, Siak-fui Liow, Treasurer, Ta-lai Tsui, Secretary and Xian Zhang, Maureen Otto, Hung-jung Lee, Emily Ma, Bih-yuh Lin, Fang-yu Lin, Jianshi Wang, Kelan Xiao and Grace Tai as members.

3. The date for collection of contributions has been set for Friday, 15 October 1999. An account has also been established by the Treasurer at the United Nations Federal Credit Union, where staff can make direct deposits until 31 October 1999 to the following account:

United Nations Staff Relief for Earthquake Victims in Taiwan Province of China
Account No. 1702161

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4. Staff who are overseas and would like to contribute can do so by sending a wire transfer to the account number given above, using ABA No. 2260-7860-9.

5. Contributions will be donated through an appropriate and directly involved relief agency.